AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter Amendments **(A)** through **(F)** provided below:

(A) Please insert the following title, headings and paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 1 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the first full paragraph:

METHOD FOR THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CARCINOMAS, AND TEST KIT FOR IMPLEMENTING IT

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to German parent Application No. 103 13 388.7 filed March 25, 2003. Both the parent application and corresponding PCT application PCT/EP 2004/003044, filed March 23, 2004, are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

(B) Please insert the following heading at Page 1, line 9 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the second full paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(C) Please insert the following heading on Page 4, line 33 of the the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the last partial paragraph:

SUMMARY OF ADVANTAGEOUS EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

(D) Please insert the following heading on Page 5, line 7 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the first full paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ADVANTAGEOUS EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

(E) Please subsitute the text beginning at Page 7, line 30 and ending at Page 7, line 36 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed with the following replacement text:

A group of 86 cytological smears, all of which exhibited slight to moderate dysplasia and all of which were high-risk HPV DNA-positive, were examined for the formation of the capsid antigen L1 using L1-specific antibodies. The examination was carried out using the ®Viroactiv VIROACTIV® kit (obtainable from Virofem Diagnostik und Forschungs [diagnosis and research] GmbH), which